

JUDGE REJECTS CASE *Stacy*
N.O. ^(Krasnoff's attorney) Lawyers Free
Of Bribery Charge *Apr 27, 1969*

Criminal District Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara today dismissed a public bribery indictment filed last May against two New Orleans attorneys, Steven R. Plotkin and Sanford Krasnoff.

Michael Karmazin, assistant district attorney, filed a bill of exception to the court's ruling after Judge O'Hara said the indictment was defective. He said he would issue written reasons for his judgment shortly.

Plotkin and Krasnoff were indicted May 22 for bribery involving a witness in a case against a police officer, Ptn. Robert Blanchard.

IT WAS CHARGED that they offered a round-trip airline ticket to and from New Orleans to Midland, Tex., or a round-trip airline ticket from New Orleans to any place of her choice, all expenses paid, to Linda Blanchard, a witness in the case against Blanchard.

The latter had been accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Susan Goldman, a baby-sitter, Feb. 26, 1968. The manslaughter charge

was later dropped, and Blanchard was restored to his police duty by the city Civil Service Commission.

Judge O'Hara sustained a motion to quash the bribery indictment. The motion had been filed by Attorney Donald Organ Dec. 18, and argued today.

The indictment charged the attorneys with making the offers to "influence a witness in relation to her duty to appear and testify" in the Blanchard case. *inv*